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MEMO TO FILE

Call to Al Hibbs

He saw no technical reason why we should not have a ~~free~~³ vehicle expedition for Mariner B along the lines of my letter to Johnson. He foresaw considerable financial problems and also the need to get a high order of cooperation from the Air Force for the use of launching pads. As a similar proposal he thought that the return of a lunar sample was also worth thinking about but he agreed that on a competitive basis the limited firing windows for Mariner would be an advantage.